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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Jeffery Allen Murdoch

SEVEN-TIME BANK ROBBER SENTENCED

Jeffrey Allen Murdoch, who robbed seven Metro Detroit-area banks from November 15, 2004 to December 17, 2004, was sentenced to 110 months imprisonment by United States District Judge Robert H. Cleland. Murdoch pleaded guilty in August 2005. He was also ordered to pay back \$21,947.00 stolen from the banks.

The offenses arose from Murdoch's robberies of the Flagstar Bank in Clinton Township, the First State Bank, National City Bank, and Standard Federal Bank in Saint Clair Shores, the National City Bank in Hazel Park, and the Advantage One Federal Credit Union in Southgate. The defendant was assisted by his co-defendant, Wesley Dwight Williams, in three of the robberies. Williams pled guilty on November 29, 2005 before Judge Cleland and is scheduled to be sentenced in February 2006.

Murdoch and Williams were apprehended by Southfield police officers on December 17, 2004 while they were fleeing after robbing a seventh bank, Comerica Bank in Southfield.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Schneider.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy stated that “We will continue to aggressively prosecute serial criminals in this District, and bank robbers are one of our priorities.”